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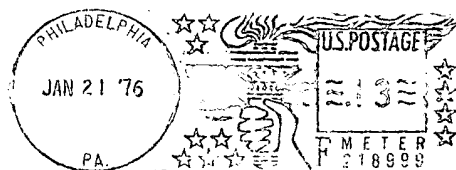
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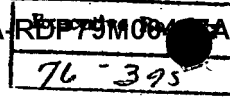
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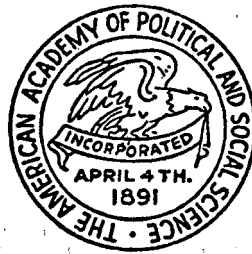
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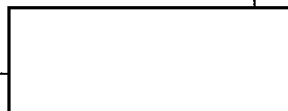
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INVESTIGATIONS HURT CIA AND FBI

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By Louis Harris

Public confidence in both the FBI and the CIA has been severely shaken as a result of the revelations that have been made about the two organizations.

Over the past year, according to a recent Harris Survey of 1,394 adults nationwide, the public's rating of the job the CIA has been doing has fallen from 39-31 percent negative to 49-32 percent negative. In particular, by more than three to one, the public condemns the CIA activity of spying on prominent Americans here at home. A 74-9 percent majority of the public also feels that "it was wrong for the CIA to work out a deal with Mafia characters to try to assassinate Castro."

The FBI still has a positive rating of 49-39 percent from the American people, but a real question remains in the public's mind as to whether the chief domestic intelligence arm of government can do an effective job when less than half the public expresses confidence in it. A 62-18 percent majority of the public is critical of the FBI for its domestic surveillance of prominent citizens. A thumping 80-7 percent feel "it was wrong for the FBI to send a note to Martin Luther King suggesting that he commit suicide."

The Congressional committees that have been the main sources of the spectacular revelations about the CIA and the FBI have not covered themselves with glory in the eyes of the American people. The Church Committee in the Senate is given a 40-38 percent negative rating. For its part, the House Committee, headed by Rep. Otis Pike (D.-N.Y.) emerges with a slightly worse, 40-36 percent negative assessment from the public.

The barrage of charges and insinuations about the FBI and the CIA have left much doubt and confusion among the American people. When asked if "both the CIA and FBI have learned their lessons and now will run things properly," a 41-30 percent plurality of the public doubts that this is so, with a substantial 29 percent not sure. This is a highly significant finding, for it means that the American people simply do not think that the CIA and FBI can be trusted to oversee their own affairs.

However, the suggestion of "putting tighter controls" on both agencies does not meet with much public approval, either. A 48-31 percent plurality does not approve of such policing because they feel that "sometimes the FBI and CIA know better than any outsider what is involved in an investigation."

The public is also disturbed about the amount of classified CIA and FBI information that has been leaked from the congressional committees. A 52-33 percent majority agrees with the claim that "so much of the secret work of the CIA and FBI has been made public that soon they won't be able to do their jobs." In short, most Americans feel that one of the results of the investigations has been to make the work of the agencies less effective.

This leaves the American people, as well as the federal government, in a troubling dilemma. On the one hand, it is clear that the public no longer trusts the CIA and the FBI to operate on their own, for fear that they will engage in excesses of the kind that have been revealed. On the other hand, people are aware that the two agencies need to conduct their activities in a reasonable amount of secrecy. Somehow, the contradiction will have to be worked out.

TABLES

The Harris Survey recently asked a cross section of 1,394 adults nationwide: "How would you rate the job being done by (READ LIST)--excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?"

RATINGS OF KEY GROUPS IN FBI AND CIA CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

	Positive %	Negative %	Not Sure %
The FBI			
Dec. '75	49	39	12
The CIA			
Dec. '75	32	49	19
Nov.	31	51	18
Aug.	36	45	19
Jan.	34	39	27
Dec. '74	31	39	30
The Senate CIA Investigating Committee			
Dec. '75	38	40	22
The House CIA Investigating Committee			
Dec. '75	36	40	24

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The Harris Survey then asked: "Let me read you some statements some people have made about the recent investigations of the CIA and FBI by the Senate and House investigating committees. For each, tell me if you tend to agree or disagree. (READ STATEMENTS)."

STATEMENTS ABOUT CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS OF CIA AND FBI

	Agree %	Disagree %	Not Sure %
<u>Pro-CIA and FBI</u>			
So much of the secret work of the CIA and FBI has been made public that soon they won't be able to do their jobs.	52	33	15
It would be a mistake to put tighter controls on the CIA and FBI because sometimes they know better than any outsider what is involved in an investigation.	48	31	21
Both the CIA and FBI have learned their lessons and now will run things properly.	30	41	29
<u>Anti-CIA and FBI</u>			
It was wrong for the FBI to send a note to Martin Luther King suggesting that he commit suicide.	80	7	13
It was wrong for the CIA to work out a deal with Mafia characters to try to assassinate Castro.	74	9	17
It was a violation of basic rights for the CIA and FBI to conduct spying on prominent Americans here at home.	61	18	21

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